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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Maliena Slaby, 32, of Arcadia, Wisconsin, was charged yesterday in a one-count information, filed in U.S. District Court in Madison, with possession of a counterfeit security. The counterfeit check was written on the account of Slaby's previous employer, Fastenal Company, of Winona, Minnesota, in the amount of \$962.35.

If convicted, Slaby faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, to be followed by a three-year period of supervised release, and the entry of an appropriate restitution order.

The charges against Maliena Slaby were the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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